

**Funding Action Team  
Meeting Notes  
September 16, 2005**

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**Attendance**

A. Clover, M. Frierson, A. Kaltenthaler, R. Lange, C. Mann, E. Mullen, J. Niemela, T. Petko, J. Taylor, E. Timpf, C. VanDeusen, S. Maynard

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**Meeting  
Overview**

Theresa Petko opened discussion. MDOT Budget Update was given by Myron Frierson. Funding Action Team invited to SEMCOG offices on October 11 for panel discussion on the topic of innovative financing.

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**Meeting Notes**

MDOT Budget Update:

Conference committee, which consists of members from the Senate and House, met September 15. The next step will be to take the bill to the Governor

Innovative Finance Subteam:

SEMCOG Task Force discussing topic of innovative finance.

The Funding Action Team is invited to SEMCOG offices on October 11 at 1:30 for a panel discussion on the topic of innovative finance.

Jim Whitty, Oregon DOT, will discuss innovative finance and alternative funding, revenue raising, VMT tax, etc.

Shirley Waibarra, Fairfax, Virginia, former director for the Virginia DOT, now a private sector consultant, will speak on public private partnerships.

Brett Bair will be making the presentation, with updates, which Brian had previously presented to the Funding Action Team in June, addressing topics such as MTF revenue, funding methods used elsewhere, pros and cons regarding local taxes and measures to reduce traffic congestion.

Reference was made to articles in the September 9, 2005, AASHTO Journal

- Transportation revenues
- Gas tax suspension - Georgia, West Virginia, Florida and Maine are considering a moratorium on gas tax, which Illinois and Indiana did in 2000.
- President Bush has suspended Davis Bacon regulations for construction to be performed in the recovery efforts of Hurricane Katrina.

Final Report Planning: Three volunteers are requested to put together final report; guidelines are not established as yet.

**Meeting Notes (continued)** The Funding Action Team will continue to meet monthly through the end of the year for budget updates and to develop final report.

January 26, 2006, is tentative date for State Transportation Commission meeting.

Need to discuss updating the education presentation to reflect 2006 budget.

A Commission Workshop on Warranties (location TBD) is scheduled after the State Transportation Commission meeting on October 27; the public is welcome.

Transportation Summit website is: <http://www.michigan.gov/transportationsummit>

**Future  
2005  
Meeting  
Dates**

1. Friday, October 21 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
2. Friday, November 18 9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

**Funding Action Team  
Meeting Agenda**

**October 21, 2005  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

- 1. MDOT Budget Update**
- 2. Innovative Finance Conference at SEMCOG**
- 3. Final Report**
- 4. Update to Legislative Education Presentation**
- 5. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting**
- 6. Post Critique Meeting**